



PFAS Investigation in New Hampshire Update

August 18, 2017

NHDES is issuing these email updates during our ongoing investigation into per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) in New Hampshire. These updates will also be posted on our website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

Recent Press Releases:

August 16 – NHDES issued a press release to provide an update on the waterline extension project in Bedford, New Hampshire. You may read the release at the following link:

<http://www.des.nh.gov/media/pr/2017/20170816-pfoa-waterline-bedford.htm>

Map:

NHDES is now posting our PFAS sampling results on a GIS based map. The map allows users to zoom into particular areas of interest. To access the map, visit:

<http://nhdes.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=66770bef141c43a98a445c54a17720e2&extent=-73.5743,42.5413,-69.6852,45.4489>

Update on Water Line Extensions:

Amherst:

- TCI has submitted a waterline extension design to NHDES for approval. Upon approval, the project is expected to be put out to bid this fall. A public meeting will be scheduled in September to discuss the process.

Bedford:

- See press release mentioned above: <http://www.des.nh.gov/media/pr/2017/20170816-pfoa-waterline-bedford.htm>

Litchfield:

- 308 properties have been connected to date.
- Saint-Gobain has agreed to connect 37 additional properties in Litchfield, of which only 18 properties have asked to be connected.
- **Property owners that have not contacted Pennichuck about connecting to public water are being registered as refusing connection to public water. Once contractors have demobilized from the area, NHDES will no longer require Saint-Gobain to pay costs of connecting to public water, installation or operation of water systems or continued delivery of bottled water will be the responsibility of the property owner.**
- For residents who have elected to retain their private wells for irrigation Saint-Gobain has agreed to reconnect all outside spigot(s) and/or irrigation systems, to the extent practical and feasible, to residents' private wells. 110 properties out of 203 have been completed to date.
- Seeding and landscaping on Litchfield projects – Pennichuck is waiting for a proposal from contractors on locations where seed did not germinate and weeds have become established and need to be eliminated. The contractors are obligated to return and reseed until grass has germinated. The worst case scenario would call for contractors to reseed properties in September or early October.

- NHDES has also discussed with Saint-Gobain providing an alternate water solution to additional properties in Litchfield along Charles Bancroft Highway, south of Hillcrest Drive. Saint-Gobain has indicated to NHDES that it believes these areas were affected by other PFOA sources. NHDES and Saint-Gobain continue to review, evaluate and investigate these areas.
- Saint-Gobain will be submitting a well decommissioning work plan to address those properties that have elected to have their well decommissioned.

Manchester:

- Water system extension is complete

Merrimack:

- Update on waterline connections:
16 properties connected so far
 3 properties on Back River Road
 3 properties on Woodhaven Circle
 2 properties on Bedford Road
 7 properties on Daniel Webster Highway
 1 on Maple Street

Planned connections in the works/ being scheduled

- 1 property on Woodhaven Circle
- 1 property on Maple Street that requires a short extension
- 1 property on Daniel Webster Highway where an easement is needed

NHDES has requested that Saint-Gobain connect the following properties to Merrimack Village District water. Saint-Gobain is disputing responsibility for groundwater contamination in this area.

- 3 properties on Wire Road
- 1 property on Paige Drive
- 1 property on Bedford Road
- 1 property on Knollwood Drive

- **MVD Well Nos. 4 and 5 -**
 C.T. Male has provided information to Saint-Gobain regarding preliminary budget estimates for providing permanent treatment for wells 4 and 5.

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability:

An updated list of eligible addresses, including Windham and Londonderry properties, has been posted here:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-bottledwaterareas.pdf>

Monadnock Mountain Spring Water will continue delivery of bottled water to eligible residents, if regular deliveries are interrupted or if you need additional water, please contact Monadnock Mountain Spring Water DIRECTLY at (603) 654-2728. If you have any problems, please contact Andy Fulton, NHDES at (603) 271-7376 (for Bottled Water Inquiries Only). **Please note that once NHDES has confirmed that a property has been connected to public water, we will notify the property owner that bottled water delivery will stop.**

Public Inquiries

Note – The Public Inquiry Line has been deactivated. Please DO NOT CALL (603) 271-9461 any longer - If you have questions regarding the NHDES investigation into PFASs, please call Jim Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer at (603) 271-3710 or visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm> Also, please share this report with your interested family, neighbors or friends. Anyone interested in receiving the reports directly via email should email James Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer at james.martin@des.nh.gov

How to Contact Saint-Gobain: 1 (800) 742-8498 or www.merrimackwater.com

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